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Sir:

In reviewing PAIR, it has come to Applicants' attention that the Examiner never received the documents that were filed on April 28, 2004. Therefore, attached is a copy of the Request for Continued Examination (RCE) Transmittal, Amendment, Information Disclosure Statement, PTO 1449, and references that were filed April 28, 2004, along with a stamped returned postcard from the USPTO for the Examiner's review. As noted by the stamped postcard, the original copy of the RCE and accompanying documents was received by the USPTO. Should the Examiner have questions or comments with respect to examination of this case, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner telephone the undersigned attorney so that further examination of this application can be expedited.

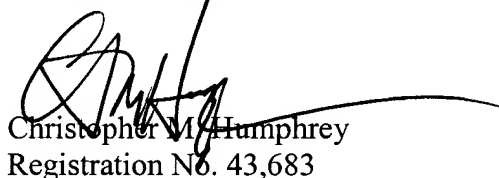
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It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required, beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, in the event that additional extensions of time are necessary to allow consideration of this paper, such extensions are hereby petitioned under 37 CFR § 1.136(a), and any fee required therefore (including fees for net addition of claims) is hereby authorized to be charged to Deposit Account No. 16-0605.

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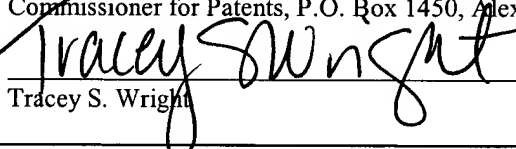
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